

Pastor John Woods, Pastor of Tabernacle since July 2015, has been married to wife Beth for 31 years and together they have 5 children. Hannah is 13 and the one most of you see regularly at church. Luke and Grace are in college and Andrew and Joel are young adults no longer at home.

Growing up, his first love was the ocean and John was studying marine biology at the University of Miami (Florida) and doing research in the marine biology department when God made it clear he was called to be a minister (I love being a minister but still keep an aquarium.). Family and church and Bible are all central to John's identity. Beyond worship and teaching, he does a lot of counseling and pastoral care. He especially loves helping his church children understand how valuable faith is. John is unapologetic about holding firm to the essentials of the faith, but gets excited about making our faith fresh, relevant and real in a time when a lot of folks dismiss church as "irrelevant." God is doing great things at Tabernacle and John is glad to be a part of it!

Carla Ely was born and raised a Pleasant Garden native and loves calling this beautiful area home. Currently, she wears several hats: as Music Minister of Tabernacle (for the last 14 years) she plays the organ, directs adult, youth & children's choirs, adult & youth bell choirs, and participates in two bands (bluegrass/southern gospel and praise and worship). Carla also works at Elon University as University Accompanist where she accompanies (on piano) two choirs; she also is vocal coach to twenty or so Music Theater majors. Carla teaches private music lessons to a hand-full of kids as well. She is proud to hold two degrees in music: Bachelor of Music Education (ECU) and a Masters of Arts in Worship and Music (Liberty Univ.)

Carla is also the very proud mother of five children; three of the whom are triplets: two boys and a girl, who are concluding their Freshman year in College. Two of the triplets are majoring in music and the third is still considering his options. Then there are two girls finishing the fifth and third grades. Her hobbies include playing the violin/viola., and she also enjoys playing in the Elon Community Orchestra where she is thankfully not in charge of anything but the sound she produces from her own instrument!

Richard Dunn serves as both part-time worship leader for the ALIVE Service and as Sound Leader for all of TUMC. He is no stranger to the platform. For seven years Richard has music directed and conducted national Broadway tours all over North America, as well as abroad. An active violinist and singer, he now enjoys teaching students as a full-time instructor. Leading worship has quickly become a passion for Richard, and a task that he takes very seriously. Richard hopes you'll find the time to join him in worship during our ALIVE Services!

Kimberly Cripps is Children's Ministries Director, and serves part-time on the Tabernacle Staff, is responsible for supervising and developing the children's programs, and for providing for the faith formation of nursery-aged children through 5th grade. She and her family have been members of Tabernacle since November 2010. Her youngest daughter, Avalynn, rounds off their little nest and will turn 2 years old the summer of 2017. She could not have accepted the call to ministry nor continue in her position without the constant support and love of husband, Kevin. December this year will mark her 3rd year on staff, and she's grateful to serve a congregation that supports and values children's ministries! Kim considers it an honor to be in service to God and the children!

Savanah Aldridge is the new Youth Minister and Communications Director at TUMC, and is so excited to be a part of this family! She and husband, Evan, who is a baker/landscaper, just moved to the area with their cat, Redina. She can't wait to get to know all the TUMC families better!

Jeannine Duke has worked with children for over 30 years through childcare centers and in the public school system and is currently the Director of the TUMC Weekday School, a position she's been blessed to hold since September of 2009. She is happily married with 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren!

June Sofley taught in public school for 5 years before starting the TUMC Playschool in 1972, and has loved every minute of it for these past 40 years! She now functions as Assistant Director of Two's in the Tabernacle Weekday School, and feels blessed to still be there. June is better known as "Mrs. June" as she was married to "Mr. June" for 51 1/2 wonderful years; they have been blessed with 3 daughters and 14 grandchildren!

Amy Ehrhart is Tabernacle's lead Playschool teacher. Playschool runs from September - May and just finished it's 10th year of class for 3 yr olds, and 5th year having class for 4-5 yr olds! She use June - August to recharge, and enjoys reading, writing, hiking, biking, traveling, and watching baseball!

Joyce Sosnowski currently holds the title of Financial Secretary, but has been a Tabernacle employee since 2004, and served as a volunteer in the church office for one year prior to that. As the Financial Secretary, Joyce counts and deposits all offerings on a weekly basis, and verifies and pays all expenses incurred by the church, and submits reports to the Financial Committee, and other Committee Chairs, as requested.

Allen Haywood is Maintenance Manager, and manages the general maintenance and repair of all parts of the buildings on the TUMC campus, and even sometimes looks after the landscaping. It's his job to make sure anything that needs repaired or replaced is done so with minimal disruption to the daily affairs of TUMC. Allen grew up in Moore Co. but has lived in Greensboro for 30 years now; he has one brother and two sisters. When not at work, Allen's passion is the study of the scriptures, and he manages a website, tonguesfriendorfoe.weebly.com, where he enjoys posting the findings of his studies. He loves all things antique, especially cars, and is attempting to restore a car made by a blacksmith just down the road from the church.

Ashley Walters serves as Office Administrator which she considers a pleasure and a privilege. She enjoys using whatever God-given talents she has in her employment here, and strives to live a life that will point others to Christ. Ashley was born and raised in Greensboro, and has enjoyed marriage to Mark, a kind-hearted man who she knows God sent her, for 23 years now, though they still feel like newlyweds! Ashley and her husband enjoy the dress, dance, and style of days gone by, with a particular interest in the 1920's - 1950's, when crooners, crinolines, cars with fins, and swing dancing were common-day!